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Dear Sir:

This response is to the Official Action with the mailing date of November 6, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

13. (twice amended) An article comprising a breathable foam layer formed by extruding a thermoplastic, amorphous polymer mixed with at least one blowing agent, the foam layer having at least one major surface, having porosity in a direction perpendicular to a major surface, and having a thickness of about 86 to about 265 microns, wherein foam cells are ruptured or enlarged by stretching the formed article thereby permanently increasing the moisture vapor transition rate of the article.

Please cancel claims 17, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 34.

A version of the claims showing the changes made is attached hereto.